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Appln. No.:	10/659,655	
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Title:	<b>SMOKE EVACUATION SYSTEM</b>	Group Art Unit: 3761

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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I hereby certify that this document is being sent via First Class U.S. mail addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 3rd day of May, 2005.

Sue Bruhn  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of two (2) months from March 7, 2005 to May 7, 2005 within which to respond to the office action dated December 7, 2004. A check in the amount of \$225.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

Respectfully submitted,

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